

# **SOUTH DAVIS COUNTY TRANSIT DEIS**Centerville Sub-Committee Meeting No. 3 - Summary

Project: Meeting Purpose:

South Davis County Transit DEIS Centerville Sub-Committee Meeting No. 3

MeetingLocation:6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.MTC Building

August 23, 2007

<u>Attendee</u> <u>Representing</u>

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## **Meeting Summary:**

#### **Process**

K. Clark began by explaining where the project currently is in the overall process. She indicated alternatives for the project are currently being evaluated. Input from the next round of sub-committee meetings will be used to accomplish this task. During the next regional workshop attendees will focus specifically on alignments. During the current meeting the focus will be on alternative modes. The Purpose and Need Statement for the study was reviewed with the group. Sub-committee members were referred to their meeting packets for full text copies of all of the meeting materials..

#### Regional Workshop Recap

K. Clark recapped the exercise conducted at the second Regional Workshop which focused on origins/destinations, alignments, and the identification of modes. A map of the primary and secondary alignments identified at the Regional Workshop was shown to the group.

#### Universe of Alternatives

K. Clark explained what the "universe of alternatives" entailed and the Universe of Alignments map was shown. Sub-committee members were then taken through the two components to an alternative (alignment and mode).

## **Alignments**

A map of preliminary alignments being taken through the alternatives analysis process was shown to sub-committee members as the study's preliminary "long list alignments." K. Clark reviewed the criteria used to narrow down alignments.

#### Modes

Next, a "universe of modes" list was reviewed with the sub-committee members. As with alignment narrowing criteria, mode narrowing criteria was discussed. The preliminary "long list of modes" was outlined by K. Clark. The list was divided into two categories – bus and rail.

## Factors to Consider

K. Clark defined factors to consider when comparing modes. Factors included market, capacity, operating characteristics, costs, environmental/community considerations, and access. After each factor was reviewed, a "dot game" exercise was conducted to determine which three factors are most important to each sub-committee member in considering modes. The following is a list of factors identified by the Centerville sub-committee members as most important when considering modes:

Category	Factors	Number of Dots
Market	Local trips are important.	1.5
	Commuter trips are important.	2.5
Capacity		0
Operating Characteristics	It should stop frequently.	1
	Minimal travel time.	2
Costs		2
Environmental/Community Considerations	It needs to sit within the context of my community.	4
Considerations	It needs to allow for good traffic flow.	4
Access	It needs to be easy to board.	0
	I need to be able to get to it easily.	6

#### **Long List Modes**

R. Hutcheson outlined each mode in the preliminary long list of modes, including giving a description and typical characteristics based on how the mode has been implemented in other communities in the United States. After each mode was discussed, the group participated in an exercise to determine the "pros" and "cons" of implementing each mode in their community. Below is a list of pros and cons identified by Centerville subcommittee members.

BUS (2 Dots)		
Pro	Con	
Integrates with traffic	Stigma	
Potential for less right-of-way impacts	Reliability	
More frequent stops		
If you use two different roadways for directional service,		
there would not be need for feeder service		
Ability to have multiple alignments (on different		
roadways) with staggered schedule. Reduces the need		
for a secondary route.		

BRT – Bus Rapid Transit (2 Dots)		
Pro	Con	
Attractive	Impacts of dedicated lane	
Pedestrian access	Unattractive perception	
Higher frequency	Inflexible perception	
Faster		
No wires		
Integrate with traffic		
Signal priority		
Potential park and ride lots		
Flexible		
Cost		
Bypass traffic problems		
Could be modified to LRT (fixed BRT)		
If you use two different roadways for directional service,		
there would not be need for feeder service		
Ability to have multiple alignments (on different		
roadways) with staggered schedule. Reduces the need		
for a secondary route.		

LRT – Light Rail Transit (0 Dots)			
Pro	Con		
Good for commuters	Electric wires		
Changing lifestyles (community context)	No park and ride lots for LRT in Centerville		
Good for development	Transfer required		
Can expand easily (north)	Higher cost		
Attractive to riders			

Streetcar (3 Dots)		
Pro	Con	
Attractive	Doesn't serve commuters	
Brings pedestrians to the area (pedestrian access)	5 mile limitation isn't compatible with Centerville	
Can serve local and commuter traffic (modern upper-level)		
Economic value compared to LRT		
Flexible with trips		
Cost compared to LRT		

DMU – Diesel Mobile Unit (0 Dots)			
Pro	Con		
Potential for less right-of-way impacts	Environmental impacts		
	On the west side of the freeway		

Notes: Main Street is important to Centerville. The impact to Centerville is much different than impacts to other South Davis communities because of the bottleneck. Centerville would like to find a balance between traffic and transit.

## **Future Meetings**

The next sub-committee meeting will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Any discrepancies with this meeting summary, please notify Jacqueline Jensen.

Cc: Attendees, Project Contact List, Centerville Sub-Committee Members